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Dear Brother,

I rec^d your letters of Jan 12 & 14 lately & they have afforded us much satisfaction in many respects. We should like to have published extracts but for your prohibition. Still, in my scribbling for newspapers I may let out some of the facts & opinions as coming from no one knows who. It will be very gratifying to the readers of the National Era to see some of your letters there soon. And yet, dear brother, don't use up your strength even for such a purpose. Prof. Whipple is industriously at work, editing the paper & corresponding with missionaries, agents & donors. Money comes in for the A. Miss. Asso^n. as formerly, and in greater sums. We want Mr Dawes of Oberlin in the field as financial agent. His wife is sick & he has returned to Ohio, but he intends to devote himself to the association & gratuitously. He thinks he can afford it. To day I rec^d. $300 more from Mr Scudder, collected by Mr Hovey. This makes $400 in all. You can tell the brethren they can draw for this $300 at 30 days sight, "with liberty to pay at sight, interest off." Mr Renshaw, sometime since, at my request, authorized drafts by Mr Evarts to the amount of $378.15 I have since written to Mr Thompson to draw for $72.25 the amount contributed for him by friends at N. Brookfield, Ms. Dr Terril has drawn for $93, & his draft is paid. With the knowledge of these facts drafts will be made for the $300 as the necessities of the brethren require.

The papers go on well at Washington. Seven nos have been printed. 11000 are printed weekly, about 4000 of wh are sent to Dr Bailey's old subscribers. Upwards of 400 subscribers weekly come in. The amount of donations to the general fund is about $7000. What great occasion we have for thankfulness. Now the subscribers are coming in so well donations slacken. The paper gives general satisfaction. Some would like more anti-slavery matter, but the doctor is wary & intends increasing the dose as the patient will bear it.

me $500.

The intelligence of the decease of your dear mother will be unexpected by you. She had but 8 days sickness Mrs Phelps writes, and died in the hope of a blessed immortality. I wrote to Mrs P. on hearing this melancholy intelligence. A letter from her to you will go by one of these opportunities, and I shall desire Mr Harned & Mr Scudder to send newspapers &c to you.

The H of R. in Delaware have passed a Bill for the gradual emancipation of the Slaves in that State. It is before the Senate for concurrence.

The H of R. in Penn. have passed a very stringent Bill against the abduction of colored people from the State on the charge of being slaves & against the practice of Slaveholders arresting fugitive slaves. No State has enacted a Bill with such provisions in favor of the people of color. Whether it will pass the Senate or not I do not know.

The Wilmot proviso passed the H of R in Congress by a majori of nine. The Bill granting 3 millions to the President, to "conquer Peace" with Mex with the proviso th in any territory that may be acquired there shall never be any slavery, will if the Senate concur be a law, but this body will not concur probably. And yet Calhoun and the rest are thrown into a dilemma. They do not wish a prolongation of the war unless the "area of slavery" can be extended. The Resolutions of the States of N. Y. Penn, Ohio &c against the acquisition of new territory for slaves ~~have been~~ are strong, & have given a stand-still to the iniquitous system little dreamed of by the slavocracy.

The war with Mexico is carried on for political considerations, President making &c. Calhoun & Corwin have made powerful speeches in the Senate in opposition to the war, tho' with very different motives.

The famine in Ireland is appalling. Meetings have been held or are being held all over this country on the subject, & large quantities of grain, provisions, clothing &c will be shipt to Ireland. It is supposed that 20 or 30 millions of dollars will be made in this country in consequence of the rise of bread-stuffs.

Truly yours Lewis Tappan

A few friends in London, S. Gurney, G W Alexander have sent Mrs Torrey near $500.

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